

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The urging device D is arranged to move and urge, in the direction of pipe axis X, each split lock piece 7A of the control members 10 rotated to the retaining control position in the rotating operation passage so as to allow the engaging projection-~~22~~ 25(E) of the lock piece to be engaged with the engaged recess-~~23~~ 24(C) of the retainer wall portion 12 by utilizing the elastic restoring force of the elastic seal member 4 compressed between the inner circumferential surface 1a of the receiving pipe section 1 and the outer circumferential surface 2a of the inserted pipe section 2. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- FIGS. 16 and 17 show an improvement on the pipe joint construction described in each of the above embodiments, in which the attachment/detachment control device A includes the control members 10 in the form of a pair of semicylindrical elements insertable and removable in the direction of pipe axis X through the space between the outer circumferential surface 2a of the inserted pipe section 2 and the inner circumferential surface 1a of the receiving pipe section 1, and capable of fitting along the outer circumferential surface 2a of the inserted pipe section 2. The control members 10 have a predetermined number of (one for each control member in this embodiment) semicircular split lock pieces 7A-~~circumferentially divided in two and dispersedly~~ formed at the forward end portions of the control members to constitute the lock member 7. Each control member 10 includes engaging pieces 27, larger than the receiving opening inner diameter 1a of the receiving pipe section 1, and formed integrally with the outer circumferential surface in two circumferential positions intermediate in the direction of pipe axis X. The receiving pipe ~~section 2~~ section 1 includes attachment/detachment recesses 11 formed in the open end portion thereof for allowing the engaging pieces 27 to be inserted and removed in the direction of pipe axis X, and retainer wall portions 12 for contacting the engaging pieces 27 in the direction of pipe axis X thereby to prevent disengaging movement thereof when the engaging pieces 27 inserted through the attachment/detachment recesses 11 are rotated about the